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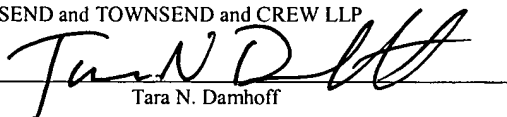
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Gentalen et al.

Application No.: 09/930,536

Filed: August 14, 2001

For: METHODS OF USING AN
ARRAY OF POOLED PROBES IN
GENETIC ANALYSIS

Customer No.: 20350

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Art Unit: 1637

INTERVIEW SUMMARY UNDER 37
C.F.R. 1.133

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Sir:

The undersigned thanks Examiner Siew for conducting an interview concerning this application on February 12, 2004. This paper summarizes the content of this interview (see 37 C.F.R. 1.133 and MPEP 713.04).

1. Brief Description of any Exhibits: None.
2. Identification of Claims Discussed: Claims 21-28 and 30-31.

3. Identification of Prior Art Discussed: Hacia (U.S. 6,013,449), Satoshi (WO 98/11210 and US 6,225,056) and Barany et al. (US 6,312,892).

4. Proposed Amendments and Summary of Main Arguments: Discussed Hacia, Satoshi and Barany with respect to amendment filed on September 15, 2003.

5. Other Pertinent Matters: None

6. General Results or Outcome: It was agreed that the claims in the September 15, 2003 were patentable over Hacia, Satoshi and Barany.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at .

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